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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE
SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGGLESTON
YOUTH CENTER, INC.**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into a sole source contract with Eggleston Youth Center, Inc. (EYC), to provide quality, comprehensive mental health services to children and Transition Age Youth (TAY) with severe and/or violent behavioral problems and their families in Service Area Six (6). EYC is located at 3701 Stocker Street, Suite 205, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

EYC has been in operation since 1974, and has been selected as the sole source entity because they have the expertise working with children, youth, adolescents, and TAY with problematic behaviors such as sexual assaultive aggressions, patterns of bullying, use of illegal substances, threatening behaviors that can include the use of weapons and other objects indicative of severe emotional disturbances requiring intensive treatment. Additionally, these children and youth require constant supervision, have experienced numerous hospitalizations, and have repeated probation violations triggering cyclical incarcerations in the recycling of youth from home to institutional settings.

In addition, EYC has demonstrated competence and experience to serve this underserved population whose severe behavioral problems and mental health issues warrant an experienced mental health service provider such as EYC. EYC has had successful outcomes using non-traditional, specialty mental health services with children, youth, adolescents, and TAY, with histories of poor treatment outcomes and or dangerous behaviors.

Currently, EYC is providing mental health services to children and TAY in the child welfare and juvenile justice system service through a collaborative partnership with Counseling and Research dba Masada Homes. Also, as a subcontract provider under

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Pacific Clinics from 2003 to 2010, EYC enhanced their service capacity by providing specialty mental health services to children and youth in foster care system.

Furthermore, EYC presently provides a myriad of services, including but not limited to, foster care, adoption, residential treatment, family preservation/day treatment, mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, community outreach and engagement, and medication support.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with entering into contract negotiations with EYC, working with County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office.

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